[Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai.]

his help all these provisions were fully discussed, and slight alterations made. The Bill was passed by the Assembly without further amendments. It will be noticed by the honourable members that this is a Bill which is quite essential for the well-being of the rubber planting industry in the State.

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: I second it.

President: The question before the House is that the Travancore Rubber Control Bill be considered.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was taken into consideration.

The question whether clauses 1 to 30 stand part of the Bill was put to the vote of the House and carried.

Accordingly clauses 1 to 30 were added to the Bill.

The question whether the Preamble and Title do stand part of the Bill was next put to the vote of the House and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Rubber Control Bill be passed.

Dr. M K. Gopala Pillai: I second it.

The question whether the Bill be passed was next put to vote and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Bankers' Books Evidence Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken into consideration.

Sir, it is a small Bill consisting of only 7 sections. It corresponds to the British Indian Bankers' Books Evidence Act.

Honourable members might remember that there is no Evidence Act in force in the State. Still the rule of law is well laid down that secondary evidence of a debt is admissible only under certain circumstances. This necessitates the production of the original books of accounts kept by banks where such evidence is relevant. These are books which are maintained for the use and benefit of the publicand it is not in public interest that such books should be made to be kept in courts till the case is disposed of. This Bill enables filing of certified copies in cases where the original itself has to be filed at present. At the same time, power is rseerved with the court to call for the original.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: What about the Evidence Act?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: There is a law relating to evidence in force in our State. Our courts are administering the law relating to evidence.

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: I second the motion.

The question that the Travancore Bankers' Books Evidence Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken into consideration was put and carried.

The Bill was taken into consideration.

President: The question is whether clauses 1 to 7 stand part of the Bill.

The question was voted and clauses 1 to 7 were added to the Bill.

The question whether the Preamble and Title do stand part of the Bill was next put to vote and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Bankers' Books Evidence Bill be passed.

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: I second it.

The motion that the Travancore Bankers' Books Evidence Bill be passed was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

The Travancore Reformatory Schools Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Reformatory Schools Act (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken into consideration.

This is only for the purpose of amending the existing Reformatory Schools Act with the object of conferring power on Government to frame rules for the purpose stated therein. At present, the young convicts of the Reformatory School are not allowed to leave the premises on short leave or short vacation. The rule elsewhere is different, that is, in British India and other places. There, the principle is that they ought not to be treated as mere convicts, but should only be put under some restraint and should be enabled to live a better life. It was suggested that the inmates of the school should be given freedom to avail themselves of occasional leave from the Reformatory School under the control either of the parents who are willing to guarantee their good behaviour or under the supervision and control of officers of Government who will be nominated for that purpose. This Bill is merely to enable Government to frame rules for the purpose.

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